

By KKW NARA, Date 5/13/04

TELECON

The President

Mr. Kissinger

7/18/69, 10:15 p. m.

P asked what happened to that Biafra thing. K said it was supposed to have been released this morning and that he approved the release. P said it is a very important release and he wanted to be sure they understood that we are shifting from State, and writing letters to both parties. K said re P's question of how letter was delivered to Biafra, it was delivered to the President of the Ivory Coast. K said we announced that letters were sent to both parties. P said tell Harlow that he ought to call Buzz and Goodell (?) telling them we are doing this. K said he would make sure that they got all of this information. P said tell Flanigan to get to the Pope and a few other people. K said we have included a letter to the Pope informing him of some of these actions. The President said if it comes up tomorrow, tell them Haile Selassie urged him to do this when he was here. P said Selassie said this is the time for American intervention. P said we have to use everything we have to get this over with and asked K if he agreed. K said these tribal hatreds run so deep. It is the same as Chinese for Southeast Asians. K said the trouble is that Nigeria can't win but whether they are ready to settle is a real question. P said we have to ~~use everything~~ do more than State does. P said we have to stop all support of Nigerian Government. P said it won't work -- they can't win. P said we have to talk cold turkey to Wilson. K said that it is important and then he would see Pompidou. P said that's what I think we should do. Pompidou should step up support for Biafra. P said he would run herd on Wilson and tell Palmer to keep his mouth shut.

Omitted here is discussion unrelated to Biafra or Nigeria

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